



6/1/04

BUDGETS

HB 5517 (Shulman)

General Government budget

The Senate proposed version totals \$2,553,500,701 with \$343,793,001 from the General Fund. The numbers are \$21,349,601 Gross over and \$7,051,599 (General Fund) under the Governors recommendation. The Senate removes all contingency funds boilerplate language proposed by the Executive and House. The Senate reduced funding to each departments information technology line item by 7%. The Senate includes boilerplate language prohibiting departments from expending appropriations for travel outside of the State of Michigan and requires departments to reduce travel expenditures by at least 50% in 2004-05.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- Cropsey 1A (1 amend) was adopted.
- SWITALSKI 1B (2 amends) was defeated.
- SWITALSKI 1C (57 amends) was defeated. This would have restored the 7% cut in funding for the Dept. of Technology funding.
- SWITALSKI 1D (3 amends) was defeated. This would establish “points of difference” in funding for the Attorney General’s office.
- SWITALSKI 1E (2 amends) was defeated.
- Brown 1F (2 amends) was withdrawn. \$100 “point of difference” in funding for the State Fair.
- HB 5517 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- SWITALSKI 1 (2 amends) was withdrawn.
- PRUSI 2 (1 amend) was defeated [RC 334: 17 yes, 21 no (GOP)]. This would require the Secretary of State to show a 5% savings before closing a local Sec. of State office.
- SWITALSKI 3 (2 amends) was withdrawn.
- HB 5517 passed [RC 339: 21 yes, 15 no]. The vote passing HB 5517 was reconsidered and postponed.

HB 5519 (Shulman)

History, Arts, and Libraries budget

The Department of History, Arts, and Libraries administers programs in four major areas: arts and cultural affairs, which includes administration of Michigan’s Arts and Cultural Grants program; Mackinac Island State Park Commission, which oversees operational activities at the Mackinac Island State Park, the Michilimackinac State Park, and the Mill Creek State Park; historical program, which includes historical museum system,

historical publications, archaeological, and lighthouse preservation activities; and library services, providing reference services to the public and Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches of state government, as well as assisting public libraries statewide.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- Hardiman 1A (14 amends) was defeated. More \$\$\$ for Detroit and Grand Rapids libraries.
- CLARKE 1B (2 amends) was defeated.
- CLARKE 1C (1 amend) was defeated. Allow discretion in arts funding.
- SCHAUER 1D (4 amends) was defeated. \$32,000 for a historical museum in Jackson.
- Cropsey 1E was adopted [no RC]. Cut \$1.5 million in funding for electronic storage of documents, books, etc..
- HB 5519 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- CLARKE 1 (1 amend) was defeated [no RC]. Allow discretion in arts funding.
- CLARKE 2 (14 amends) was defeated [no RC]. More \$\$\$ for Detroit and Grand Rapids libraries.
- CLARKE 3 (3 amends) was defeated [no RC]. This would restore funding for electronic storage of documents, books, etc.
- HB 5519 passed [RC 335: 24 yes, 14 no]. The vote passing HB 5519 was reconsidered and postponed.

HB 5520 (Shulman)

Judiciary budget

The Judiciary budget includes operational funding for the Michigan Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and related judicial agencies.. Additionally, the budget funds the salaries of justices of the Supreme Court and judges at the appeals, circuit, probate, and district levels according to constitutional and statutory requirements. Grant funding for trial court operations is provided to counties through Court Equity Fund reimbursements based on a statutory formula. Various other grant programs provide funding to trial courts and related organizations.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- HB 5520 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- HB 5520 passed [RC 336: 38 yes, 0 no]. The vote passing HB 5520 was reconsidered and postponed.

HB 5521 (Shulman)

Department of Labor and Economic Growth budget

The Department of Labor and Economic Growth (DLEG) has primary responsibility for the regulatory functions that relate specifically to commercial, business, and workers' issues. It also includes activities within the previous Department of Career Development such as various employment training-related programs for displaced workers, adults and youth, and employment services for the disabled as well as welfare recipients. The Department also houses the Michigan Strategic Fund, an autonomous agency which reports to the Director of DLEG. The fund's programs are administered by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, with the primary task of promoting economic development in Michigan.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- Garcia 1A (4 amends) was adopted.
- Garcia 1B (4 amends) was adopted.
- Garcia 1C (4 amends) was adopted.

- SCOTT 1D (5 amends) was withdrawn.
- PRUSI 1E (1 amend) was defeated. Travel by state employees.
- PRUSI 1F (1 amend) was defeated. This would have removed language which prevents the state government from enacting ergonomic standards.
- PRUSI 1G (1 amend) was defeated. Travel by state employees.
- HB 5521 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- SCOTT 1 (1 amend) was adopted [no RC].
- PRUSI 2 (1 amend) was defeated [RC 337: 16 yes, 22 no]. This strikes the prohibition on travel by state employees..
- HB 5521 passed [RC 338: 37 yes, 1 no (Patterson)]. The vote passing HB 5521 was reconsidered and postponed.

FINAL PASSAGE

SB 908 (Jelinek)

SB 908 would allow a practitioner to dispense a prescription for a controlled substance written and signed by a physician licensed to practice in Illinois. Under current law, a practitioner (e.g., a pharmacist) may not dispense a prescription for a controlled substance written by a physician licensed to practice in another state, unless the prescription is issued by a physician who resides adjacent to the land border between Michigan and an adjoining state, whose practice may extend into Michigan, but who does not maintain an office in Michigan. Apparently, many people from Illinois visit Michigan, particularly the southwestern part of the State, for extended time periods and are inconvenienced by the inability to have prescriptions written in Illinois filled in Michigan. It has been suggested that the exception for the out-of-state prescriptions be extended to those written by a licensed physician residing in Illinois.

Support: MI State Medical Society, MI Pharmacist Assn.

- SB 908 passed [RC 332: 38 yes, 0 no].

SB 1191 (Patterson)

SB 1191 would add physician's assistants and nurse practitioners to the individuals listed in the schedule of fees for people licensed or seeking licensure for a boxing or wrestling contest. A physician's assistant or nurse practitioner would have to pay the same license fee as a judge, physician, announcer, or timekeeper. The fee is \$30 through September 30, 2007, and will be \$15 after that date. A physician's assistant or nurse practitioner also would be subject to an application processing fee of \$30 through September 30, 2007, or \$15 after that date. This fee applies to the other boxing or wrestling contest personnel except boxers (who pay a higher application fee).

Support: MI Nurses Assn.

Oppose: MI State Medical Society.

- SB 1191 passed [RC 333: 38 yes, 0 no].

HB 4127 (DANIELS)

HB 4127 would prevent auto insurance companies and their employees, agents, and adjusters from unreasonably restricting a policyholder's choice in automobile and auto glass repair facilities or replacement service or product covered under the policy.

Support: Office of Financial and Insurance Services, AAA, Michigan Glass Association, Insurance Institute of Michigan, National Federation of Independent Businesses , Auto One Auto Glass , Michigan Insurance Coalition, Allstate.

- HB 4127 passed with IE [RC 331: 37 yes, 0 no].

THIRD READING

SB 926 (McManus)

SB 926 would extend (until 2010) a section that required the Natural Resources Commission to issue an order prohibiting deer or elk feeding, unless it is for recreational viewing purposes. Without the extension, the requirement would expire 12/31/04.

Support: DNR, MDA, MI Environmental Council, MI Farm Bureau.

- SB 926 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

HB 4984 (Huizenga)

HB 4984 would amend the sentencing guidelines to make the guidelines conform to provisions in HB 4983 regarding penalties for subsequent violations, which would be a 2 year felony. [HB 4983 would regulate those who provide services relating to immigration matters, provide exemptions to registration requirements, prohibit certain actions by a registrant, and establish administrative and criminal sanctions for violations of these provisions. This bill is necessary to help ensure that immigrants are not taken advantage of during the immigration paperwork process.]

- HB 4984 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.